

Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Task Force

Committee Task Force	Mental Health and Substance Abuse		
Date of Meeting (MM/DD/YYYY	November 20, 2019	Time	2:00-4:00 PM
Minutes Prepared by	Sirrilla D. Blackmon	Location	Indiana Government Center Conference Room 12 Zoom
Meeting Objectives			

- 1) Review of the agenda
- 2) Update regarding the new strategic plan
- 3) Status update of action items from the last meeting

Action	Responsibility
Dr. Hulvershorn provided an update to the group regarding the Commission's	Leslie Hulvershorn
new strategic plan which will be implanted at the start of the first year.	
Informed the group it is time to review the status of the subcommittees and	
finalize goals. Some of the initiatives will continue and others will not under	
the new plan. One the main focus is juvenile justice that could be integrated	
into other subcommittees. Once the strategic plan is approved and adopted	
the group will need to make some decisions about next steps and how to	
proceed. Also we want to allow the opportunity for members to remain on	
this Task Force or join another one if you are looking to rotate. If you know of	
someone that wants to rotate on please submit the names to Sirrilla or	
myself. This would be good time as we are at a point of transition for the	
upcoming year. One of the new goals is Addiction Prevention and the leads	
would need to recruit members for that subcommittee to be a chair.	
Evidence Base Programs : Marc Kniola reported the group has not been able	Marc Kniola and Gabriel
to meet due to schedules. They are continuing to look at other states. Need to	Rodriguez
look at the objectives moving forward and discuss the next logical steps.	
Integrate Care Group: Dr. Caldwell reported the group recently met and have	Carrie Caldwell
been able to look at all of the information and materials that have been	
collected. The group was able to identify some core recommendations. They	
believe that they will have recommendation ready by December 1, 2019.	
Once that is finalize Carrie will via email forward the final document to Leslie	
and Sirrilla for review. The group would be prepared to present to the	
Commission at the next meeting in December.	
Mobile Crisis: Sirrilla Blackmon reported the group reviewed crisis data by	Sirrilla Blackmon
race ethnicity, gender, age. Due to the volume of data presented the group	and Jennifer Tackitt
agreed to have a summary highlighting the critical data points. The data also	
revealed an increase in crisis visits to the ED from 2014 through 2018. The	
next steps will be: 1) to develop a survey to garner stakeholder support from	



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families, communities Community Mental Health Centers and hospitals 2) to	
develop a timeline to support implementation for a pilot.	
Justice Involved Youth: Nancy Wever reported there was request from	Nancy Wever & Matt Aalsma
Commission meeting in August on common disorders that we might see in	
mental health needs and justice involved youth as well as some information	
on self-harm behaviors. Nancy and Matt put together a power point	
presentation that Dr. Hulvershorn presented at the last Commission meeting	
which was well received. The feedback from Justice Rush was it would be nice	
if additional information could be provided as citations and data in a form of a	
document or handout to serve as resource as the last deliverable. Nancy	
reported they wanted to wait on the roll out of the new strategic plan.	
Suicide Prevention: Dr. Hulvershorn reported the group had its first meeting	Leslie Hulvershorn & Jason
this week. There was good cross representation of state and local agencies.	Murrey
The group decided to have two priorities one to conduct a gap analysis within	
the continuum when youth arrive at the ED with self-harm and two parental	
engagement. Jason Murrey will be the lead for the gap analysis and Dr.	
Juliann Giust will let the parental engagement group.	
Workforce Development: Cathy reported their group they have started work	Cathy Boggs, Carol Satre & David
on a power point presentation and once completed will send it to Leslie and	Reed
Sirrilla for feedback. Carol Satre raised the concern around workforce that IU	
school of Social Work and other universities are having great difficulty placing	
students for practicums. IU is looking at the hour requirements for both the	
bachelor and masters students. Concerns were raised that if requirements	
change with the universities is comparable with IPLA. Cathy did share with the	
group that there was a Medicaid Bulletin BT 201859 released a year ago	
specific to Community Mental Health Center and interns. Included in this	
bulletin it allows female health centers to be reimbursed for services provided	
by the interns effective January 1, 2019, CMHC's that are owned by or	
affiliated with hospitals are an exception to this allowance. The reason being	
reimbursement for internal services is included in the hospital's medical	
education, add on to the inpatient claims. Cathy is doing further research and	
plans to share this with DMHA leadership. David reported that DCS right now	
is reviewing their qualifications in their various service standards that may	
help with some of this. The focus on trying to adjust the requirements is	
support continuity of care for families.	
Commission Updates: Julie Whitman provide updates and reminders to the	Julie Whitman
group if anyone has not seen the strategic plan they need to do it quickly	
because she plans to present it to the Executive Committee prior to the next	
Commission Meeting December 18, 2019. After the plan is approved if there	
is anything that is currently being worked on now that the task force don't see	
a way to continue under the new objectives, the group will have the first	
quarter to complete. So after the plan is passed she would like to have a	
meeting with all task force co-chairs and chairs to review objectives and to	



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task forces. Julie provided an update on the trauma work that has been happening. And
an update on the Global Psychological Maltreatment Summit that was held on
October 26- October 29 th . The outcome from that meeting is develop a plan
for Indiana to address this issue.
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